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### UM ANTHROPOLOGIST TO BRING PREHISTORY TO THE CAPITOL

MISSOULA --

Modern Montanans will have an opportunity to learn about their prehistoric predecessors Wednesday, Jan. 23, when a University of Montana anthropologist displays ancient buffalo jump artifacts in the Capitol Rotunda in Helena.

The display by Associate Professor Tom Foor, scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., is one in a series of midday presentations by Montana University System units to be held throughout the legislative session.

Foor said his presentation will center on an excavation he conducted at eastern Montana's Jordan Buffalo Jump in the summer of 1989. The excavation yielded charcoal, buffalo bones, arrowheads and prehistoric tools and "provided us with greater insight as to how prehistoric inhabitants of eastern Montana lived," he said.

At the Jordan site, prehistoric hunters herded buffalo over a cliff to their deaths. The UM research is a cooperative effort with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, which administers the site.

UM plans other presentations in the Capitol this winter. On Tuesday, Feb. 12, Forestry Professor Steve Running will discuss his work developing satellite monitoring tools for NASA to study future vegetation responses to the "greenhouse effect." And Forestry

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Professor Steve McCool will give a presentation Wednesday, Feb. 27, detailing his study of Montana's tourism industry and its impact on the state's economy. The UM-based Montana Entrepreneurship Center also plans a display, but no date has been set.

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